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Dear Sir

I urge you **not to remove** the Morse code requirement for an Amateur Radio license. I have passed all the elements from Novice to Extra Class over the years and this has added to my knowledge and skills, a good Amateur Radio operator should attempt to be proficient in as many operating modes as possible. Morse code adds to the preparedness of the skills of an Amateur Radio operator in emergency or disaster communications

Morse code is a valuable tool in an emergency and can get through when a voice signal cannot, and also takes up less bandwidth than a voice signal. I believe if the Morse code requirement is removed Amateur Radio will suffer. 5 WPM Morse code is a requirement that anyone can pass with a little study. Again I urge you to keep the Morse Code requirement.

Sincerely

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